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## DETROIT PRISON FOR ARMSTRONG

Former Warden of Jackson Prison Got one yr. and \$5,000 Fine.

## SELF CONFESSED GRAFTER

Accepted Bribes, Indicted on Many Counts. Was Former Postmaster at Cassopolis.

Allen N. Armstrong of Cassopolis, former warden of the Jackson state prison and self-confessed grafter, was sentenced by Judge Parkinson of the Jackson county circuit court on Monday last to serve one year in the Detroit house of correction and to pay a fine of \$5,000 for accepting a bribe while at the head of the state prison.

It was not generally known that Armstrong was to receive his sentence at that time, as very few people outside of the attorneys and regular court attaches were present in court. Mrs. Armstrong was in the city with her husband, but was induced not to go to the court room with him and remained in his attorney's office. She is an estimable lady, loved and respected by all who know her and is nearly prostrated over the affair.

Armstrong undoubtedly anticipated his sentence as the fine was paid to the clerk of the court immediately after passing sentence. He was taken in custody by the sheriff and later to Detroit to commence his sentence. His attorney made a strong appeal to the court for clemency in the hopes of saving his client the disgrace of going to prison.

Allen N. Armstrong was formerly postmaster at Cassopolis and is well known here. Up to the time of his downfall at Jackson he was held in high esteem by all who knew him. The story of his crime is still fresh in the minds of all, and it is yet a query in the minds of many of his former associates and friends why he became crooked. He received a good salary, was apparently well to do, and a man of good habits. But temptation fell in his way and he fell. It is said that he is now practically penniless.

## ANOTHER FREEZE TUESDAY NIGHT

Not Severe Enough, However, to Do Any Great Damage. Look for a Fifty Per Cent Crop.

We are still optimistic in regard to the fruit situation. There are some who are inclined to think The True Northerner's report last week was slightly exaggerated, but some men are pessimists now, always have been, and will continue to be for all time to come. Of course it is yet too early to estimate with any degree of certainty the exact damage done by the freeze, but the opinion of conservative fruit growers in the vicinity of Paw Paw confirms our report of last week, that there will be at least a fifty per cent crop of all kinds of fruit. Reports from other parts of the county would also seem to verify our statement. Growers were again on the anxious

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## Large Attendance at Booster Club

Luncheon. R. W. Broughton

## Made the Hit of the Meeting

The regular meeting and luncheon of the Boosters club was held as usual at the Dyckman house last Tuesday. W. R. Sellick, vice president of the club, was in charge of the meeting, and in the absence of Guy Warner, Wm. C. Flook was appointed secretary for the day.

The attendance was good, about 50 members sitting down to an excellent luncheon. Several communications on matters that might be of importance to the club were read. One was from the Universal Type Setting Machine Co. of Detroit. This concern is looking for a new location. Another proposition was presented by C. E. Hutchins of Kalamazoo, who had been in touch with the promoters of a large paper mill company. The propositions did not appeal particularly to the club, as each concern would want Paw Paw to purchase a large amount of stock, and that would probably be out of the question.

Judge Anderson was one of the speakers of the day and spoke of many little things the club could do for the benefit of Paw Paw. One was a rest room for ladies; another was seats on the old court house lawn. All of these little things, he said, were important, and we should strive to make all visitors feel that "We want you in Paw Paw."

## DOCTOR FAILED TO REPORT

Cases of Tuberculosis as Required by Law, is Charged Against Former Physician of Van Buren Co.

The St. Joseph Herald of last Saturday prints the following, which was copied from the South Bend News:

"Dr. Z. L. Baldwin, a prominent physician of the city, was arrested Thursday, April 21, at the instance of city Physician Van Noppen for alleged failure to report to that officer cases of tuberculosis attended by him. The last legislative session passed a law directing all physicians to report all such cases within 24 hours after learning of them. Dr. Baldwin was before Justice Torney and pleaded not guilty. The case was set for trial on May 5, 1910, at 9 o'clock."

Dr. Baldwin was for several years a prominent physician at Lawrence and is well known here. The case is an unusual one and the outcome will be awaited with interest.

## NORMAL DEFEATED THE LOCAL TEAM

Good Game at Athletic Park Last Saturday. Locals Lost 5 to 3. Mather Gets 17 Strike Outs.

The Western State Normal base ball team took the Paw Paw high school team into camp last Saturday at Athletic park by the score of 5 to 3. It was a fairly good game, but the score does not indicate the respective strength of the two teams. Paw Paw played rather loosely on the start, allowing the normals to get their five runs across the plate in the first four innings. Paw Paw then tightened up, and the visitors were unable to again make the circuit.

The locals were handicapped by the absence of backstop, Fuller, although Lake did fairly well behind the bat. It took him about four innings to get his eye on Mather's benders, but after that he caught a good game.

Mather had 17 strikeouts to his credit. This being his first game of the season, makes the prospects look good for the locals. Downing took Lake's place at third, making a clean record, and pounding out three hits.

Batteries—Kalamazoo, Reynolds and McGinnis; Paw Paw, Mather and Lake.

## HOLD SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

In Odd Fellows Lodge. Grand Master Colburn will be Present. Several Lodges Summoned Here.

Grand Master Colburn of the I. O. O. F. has ordered a school of instruction to be held at Paw Paw lodge No. 18, Thursday evening, May 19. The school includes the Lawton, Lawrence, Glendale and Paw Paw lodges. Deputy Grand Master Kennedy will be present and give instructions. The initiatory first and second degrees will probably be reviewed. The local lodges have extended an invitation to Gobleville lodge to meet with them on that evening.

## DOWNING'S ORCHESTRA.

Downing's orchestra, which furnished music for the last social session of the Maple City club, is worthy of special mention. The personnel of this musical organization is made up of Frank Downing, first violin; his son, Lynn Downing, piano or trombone; Herbert Bassett, cornet and Mahard of Lawton, drums. Their selections were of a high order and their execution would do credit to some of the more pretentious musical organizations of the city.

## TROUT SEASON OPENED SUNDAY

Every Trout Stream in Country Whipped by Fishermen.

## KAZOO ANGLERS SUCCESSFUL

Caught Fine Strings at Glen Springs Hatchery. Silver Hook Only Tackle Needed.

The trout season opened last Sunday and every disciple of Isaac Walton whose conscience would allow him to break one of the ten commandments was out to his favorite stream long before the break of day. The season did not have a very auspicious opening. The heavy rains of the preceding week made the streams roily and the trout were not especially hungry. This did not keep the fishermen away, however, and it is reported that in some places along the creeks paths were worn in the soil before daylight that will have to be filled with plow and scraper before it will be safe to "whip" the streams again before daylight.

Many of the Paw Paw anglers came home empty handed, but some were more fortunate, and several good catches were reported, besides any number of big ones that got away.

The Kalamazoo papers state that many of the Kalamazoo sportsmen who came over into Van Buren county returned with fine strings. It may be interesting to our brother scribes of the celery city to know that some of their fishermen have found the place where the size and length of the string one may take away is only limited by the size of the pocket hook. Glen Springs trout hatchery is the place. It is on a branch of the Paw Paw river and easily accessible from the Lawton station. The ponds there are alive with the speckled beauties, and there is a genial attendant always on hand to show visitors where they live, scoop them from the pond and see them safely deposited in the angler's creel, at 75 cents per pound. The proprietors of Glen Springs did a rushing business last Sunday and the Kalamazoo sportsmen were well satisfied, promising to angle there often.

The Paw Paw Drug Co. has installed one of the finest soda water fountains to be seen in south-western Michigan. The beautiful mirror at the back is set in solid oak with large oak pillars at each end. The counter and front are of marble, and the whole is decorated with artistic electric light fixtures. All the fixtures and appointments are of the most modern and sanitary pattern, and the fountain would be a credit to any city store in the state.

## JURORS DRAWN FOR MAY TERM

Court Will Convene on Monday, May 3. Jury Will Come the Second Week. Probably Short Term.

Following is the list of jurors drawn for the May term of the Van Buren county circuit court, which will convene on Monday, May 23. The jurors will be summoned to appear for duty on the second Monday of the term at 10 o'clock in the forenoon:

Bolinger, L. H.	Almena
Boomer, R. E.	Paw Paw
Boyer, John	So. Haven 1st w
Brooks, John	So. Haven 1st w
Brown, Clarence	Waverly
Burch, Charles	Porter
Crane, Walter	Lawrence
Davis, John	So. Haven 2d w
Goodrich, Adelbert	Columbia
Heald, H. C.	South Haven Twp
Howard, E. M.	Bloomington
Irey, Eli	Paw Paw
Loehr, E. J.	Covert
Lynch, Wm.	Geneva
Manning, Fred	Almena
Mosier, Roy	Antwerp
Moyer, D. C.	So. Haven 3d w
Osborne, L. E.	Hamilton
Pensinger, J. W.	Decatur
Pagles, Charles F.	Decatur
Sanford, J. A.	Pine Grove
Slack, Hiram	Keeler
Shepherd, H. L.	Covert
Showers, Charles H.	Antwerp
Simmons, Whitfield	Waverly
Stineman, Lewis	Arlington
Taylor, Wm. D.	Bangor
Teitworth, Benj. F.	Hartford
Wheeler, A. L.	Pine Grove
Wood, Robert	Porter

## PLANTED RAINBOW TROUT.

R. D. Loveland planted 18,000 rainbow trout in the streams of this locality last Tuesday. They were sent from the state trout hatchery at Paris, Mich. This is an annual stunt of Mr. Loveland's, and if there were others that felt as interested as he, the fishing would be better.

## WELCOME MOTHERS' DAY.

Mother's Day will be observed at the Baptist church Sunday, May 8. The subject at the morning service will be "Mother, the Heart of the Home." Special music. A special program has been prepared for the Sunday school. All members are especially invited to attend these services. A cordial welcome for the fathers also.

## MORE TROUBLE FOR M. C. R. R.

Another Suit Started as Result of Being Carried by the Station at Mattawan. C. O. Russell, Plaintiff.

An appeal case from justice court was filed in the county clerk's office this week against the M. C. R. R. Co. The plaintiff is Crannell O. Russell. The suit grows out of the incident of several passengers being carried by the depot at the Mattawan station, and is the second suit growing out of the affair. The first was that of Warren Howe, and resulted in a judgment in favor of Howe in the sum of \$100. It is said that there will be several other suits resulting from the affair.

Attorney A. Lynn Free of this place and D. O. French of Kalamazoo look after plaintiff's interests and N. H. Stewart, also of Kalamazoo, takes care of the railroad end.

## PAW PAW DRUG CO. INSTALL FOUNTAIN

Have One of the Finest Soda Fountains in Southern Michigan. Big Improvement to Store.

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An experienced mixologist will be in charge, small tables will be placed in the store and everything possible done for the accommodation of patrons. They expect to have the fountain in working order tomorrow.

The Paw Paw Drug Co. now has one of the finest stores of its kind in southern Michigan.

## FINE POSITION IN THE WEST.

Claire Gibson Resigns as Deputy Register of Deeds to Accept Lucrative Position in Dakota.

Claire Gibson, the gentlemanly and efficient deputy register of deeds, has resigned his position to accept a more lucrative and promising one as bookkeeper in a large bank at Godes, South Dakota. Mr. Gibson has been in the register of deeds office a little over seven years, coming here with M. L. Decker from Lacota, when the latter became register seven years ago last January. He is one of the most capable clerks that was ever employed in any office. Courteous and painstaking at all times, and thoroughly wrapped up in his work. The position he has accepted in the West is not only a lucrative one, but there is a fine opportunity to win promotion, as his work will merit, and it is safe to say that Claire will not stop until he reaches the top round of the ladder.

His place in the register's office will be taken by Charles Blackwood, a Paw Paw boy. He is a graduate of the Paw Paw schools, a fine penman, and well qualified for the position. Since E. H. Lindsley's death he has been assisting Mrs. Lindsley in the store, and his place there will be hard to fill.

Mr. and Mrs. Gibson will leave soon for their new home, as he takes up his new duties about May 20. The best wishes of a large circle of friends will go with them.

## STRANGE PAIR VISIT PAW PAW

Midget Couple on Journey Around the World. Lady Rides in Little Wagon Drawn by Husband.

A strange pair of midgets visited Paw Paw, Thursday, and attracted considerable attention on the streets. The little couple are Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Shaw of Rochester, N. Y., who have started on a unique trip of 43,000 miles around the world on a wagon of \$12,000 and a diamond medal. The little woman, who weighs but 98 pounds, rides in a small wagon but little larger than the common express wagon. It is nicely cushioned, has a back to the seat and is decorated with American flags. The wagon is drawn by the husband, whose weight is 103 pounds.

The strange outfit left Rochester, N. Y. on March 28, 1910, and have already traveled 1283 miles and are four days ahead of their schedule. To win the wager they must reach home on their return September 28, 1913. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Greener of Cleveland, Ohio, are contestants for the diamond medal.

They arrived in town from Kalamazoo at 2:45, and were immediately "checked up" by Postmaster Warner, as is their custom at every stop. They stopped at Drew's restaurant while in the city, and were interviewed by The True Northerner while there. Both are very courteous and talkative, and while they are diminutive in size, they appear amply able to take care of themselves. Both are heavily armed.

## CUMINGS STORE CHANGES HANDS

W. R. Holden Co. Succeeded by W. G. Ackley of Coldwater.

## HAD YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

New Proprietor Formerly Salesman for Detroit Firm. Gigantic Sale Starts Next Thursday Morning.

The W. R. Holden Co. have sold their Paw Paw store to Mr. W. G. Ackley of Coldwater, Michigan. The Holden Co. have other stores in Ohio and Indiana. Mr. Holden likes Paw Paw and the business here, but the great distance from his other interests has made it almost impossible for him to give this store the personal attention it deserves.

Mr. Ackley is a gentleman of high standing. For the past ten years he has been a traveling salesman for Burham Stoepl Co. of Detroit, Michigan. He is apparently a hustler, and with his long experience in the wholesale drygoods business, we feel sure he will give Paw Paw a mercantile business that will maintain and even surpass the reputation that has always been enjoyed by the "Old Cumings store."

Mr. Ackley has leased the store building for a term of years, and will move his family here as soon as a suitable home can be secured.

The store was closed Tuesday for inventory, and will remain closed till next Thursday morning, May 12. The contract calls for the Holden Co. to reduce the stock one-half in ten days. This will be done by the power of slaughtered prices. The large circulars will tell the prices.

Mr. Holden has made many friends during his short stay in Paw Paw who have entertained hopes that he would locate here permanently. The True Northerner joins in wishing him well, where ever he may be, and in extending to his successor a cordial welcome. We bespeak for Mr. Ackley unlimited success in the "Cumings store."

## FLANDERS BOUND TO SELL BOOZE

Bloomington Man Starts Suit in Kalamazoo to Compel Council to Grant Saloon License.

Garfield S. Flanders of Bloomington is about to bring suit against the city council to compel that body to permit him to go into the saloon business in this city and if such permission is not granted he intends to take such action as is necessary to recover the damages which he believes he is entitled to.

Flanders made application for a saloon license with a number of other saloonists about ten days ago. The license committee of the council reported favorably on the application. This action so encouraged the Van Buren county man that he at once began making preparations for going into business here.

At a subsequent meeting of the council, however, the application was thrown out. This, Flanders believes, was without precedent and illegal, for which he alleges that he has been damaged and will sue to recover.—Kalamazoo Telegraph.

## NOT PLEASED WITH DETROIT.

John Sykes returned to Paw Paw the first of the week from a several months' sojourn in Detroit. John is not loud in his praise of the City of the Straits, and as a place of recreation thinks there are other places that have it backed off the map.

## Prominent Paw Paw Attorney

Senior Member of New Law Firm

Established in City of Kalamazoo

Titus, Van Horn & Titus is the name of a new law firm just established in Kalamazoo. The senior member of the firm is Lincoln H. Titus of this place, the junior member, his son Albion, who opened an office in Kalamazoo soon after his graduation from the University of Michigan, and the other member is Sam'l Van Horn, a prominent attorney of the celery city.

L. H. Titus was prosecuting attorney of Van Buren county for more than five years. He is a lawyer of ability, and a public speaker of state reputation. He is prominent in social, church, fraternal, business and political circles. While the main offices of the new firm will be in Kalamazoo, Mr. Titus will retain his office in Paw Paw.

## LARGE CROWD AT TAX SALE

Annual Sale of Delinquent Tax Lands Held Tuesday. One Hundred and Seven Descriptions Sold.

A large crowd of people from all sections of the county gathered at the county treasurer's office on Tuesday to attend the annual sale of delinquent tax lands. There were 109 descriptions of land offered for sale and 107 were sold. The amount of money received was approximately \$2,000.

These lands were such as had been taken over by the state for the non-payment of taxes. There were 297 descriptions advertised for sale, but many of the former owners paid up the delinquent taxes before the day of the sale. On the descriptions that were sold the former owners have one year in which to redeem the same. Very few descriptions are, however, ever redeemed and usually the successful bidder gets an absolute deed of the property at the end of one year.

## DR. H. L. CHARLES TO GO FROM TOWN

Popular Young Physician Will Locate in New Field. Expects to Leave in About Three Weeks.

Paw Paw people will be sorry to learn that Dr. H. L. Charles is soon to leave here. He has secured a location which looks promising to him and expects to leave for the new field in about three weeks. In the meantime his office will be at his residence on north Kalamazoo street.

Dr. Charles has many friends in Paw Paw. He has been eminently successful in the practice of medicine, is a young man of excellent habits and a courteous obliging gentleman. He is popular in fraternal and social circles and has a bright future before him. The people of Paw Paw in general regret his decision to leave, but all will unite in wishing the doctor and his estimable family prosperity and happiness in whatever field they may call their home.

## FRED CHARLES IS PROMOTED

Resigns Position With Kalamazoo Telegraph. Gets Fine Berth in Cleveland, Ohio.

After a two years' service as reporter and special writer on the Kalamazoo Evening Telegraph, Fred Charles has resigned to accept a lucrative position with the National Newspaper Enterprise association of Cleveland, O. The new position is in an editorial capacity and as a writer of feature stories.

Fred formerly lived here and has many friends who are pleased to hear of his promotion. He has "made good" in his chosen line of work, and The True Northerner predicts a rapid rise for him in the realms of journalism. Mr. and Mrs. Charles will leave for the new field about May 10.

## WILL HOLD MAY FESTIVAL.

Choral Society of South Haven Plans for Two Concerts on May 27. May Run Special on K. L. S. & C.

The South Haven Choral society have arranged to give a May Festival with concerts on the afternoon and evening of Friday, May 27. The society is composed of several hundred of the best voices in the city of South Haven, who have been drilled for months by a director of ability and renown. It promises to be the greatest event in musical circles ever held in the county.

Efforts are being made to get a special train on the K. L. S. & C. Ry., returning after the evening concert. If this is done, it is probable that many will plan to attend from all stations along the line. Full particulars will be announced in the columns of The True Northerner later.

## Prominent Paw Paw Attorney

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M. last year. He is a young man of ability, and during his short practice in Kalamazoo has made many friends. He was one of the promoters of the University Alumni association of Kalamazoo county, and is its present secretary. He is also a candidate for the office of circuit court commissioner at the republican primaries.

Samuel Van Horn, the other member of the firm, enjoys the reputation of being an able and successful lawyer. He is the present president of the Jefferson club, and also of the Michigan Alumni association.

The combination is an ideal one, and the many friends of the three attorneys bespeak for the new firm a successful and lucrative practice.

Albion Titus graduated from the U. of